

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 12, 2001

PRESENT: Chairman Walker, V. C. Thomas, Councilmen Calhoun, Forrester, Gunnells, Director Allen, Judge, and Tommy Ferguson

ABSENT: Councilman Burdette

Chairman Walker called the Public Hearing to order at 7:30 pm. First item on the agenda was a request to rezone approximately 2 acres located on the west side of Hwy. 284 and S-1-72 (Lake Secession Road) from General Commercial to Forest Agriculture to allow for a Convenience Center. Since there were no comments, the public hearing was adjourned.

Chairman Walker called the regular council meeting to order with prayer. First item on the agenda was recognition from County Council for awards received at the SC EMS Conference for SC EMS Large System of the year 2000, EMS Telecommunicator of the Year 2000-Sheila Hanna-Wiles, and SC College of Emergency Physicians Excellence in EMS 2000 – Elvin Martin.

Next item on the agenda was Public Works Committee to report back on recommendations concerning the Change Order Request from H. G. Reynolds requesting 16 impact days for review. The committee recommended to council that they grant the request of H.G. Reynolds for 16 impact days and that any further change order requests go before the Public Works Committee before being considered by County Council. V. C. Thomas made a motion to this effect that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

Next item on the agenda was approval of February 26<sup>th</sup> County Council Meeting Minutes. Councilman Agan made a motion to approve minutes that was seconded by Councilman Forrester and passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- a. 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading on request to rezone approximately 2 acres located on the west side of Hwy. 284 and S-1-72 (Lake Secession Road) from General Commercial to Forest Agriculture to allow for a Convenience Center. Councilman Calhoun made a motion to have 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading that was seconded by Councilman Agan and passed unanimously.
- b. Consideration of 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading to amend Ordinance 6.004, Section IV defining the standing committees of Abbeville County to include the committee on Public Safety and redefine the matters of which they have jurisdiction. Councilman Agan made a motion to have 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

- c. Consideration of appointment of Claude Thomas to replace Horace Burnett on the GLEAMNS Human Resource Commission. Chairman Walker added that Mr. Thomas is also the liaison to the Hospital Board and Councilman Calhoun is liaison to the GLEAMNS Human Resource Commission. He went on by saying that he would like to amend this consideration to ask Councilman Calhoun to replace Councilman Thomas as liaison to the hospital board and since Councilman Thomas is or will be appointed to the GLEAMNS Board that he also act as liaison to GLEAMNS. Councilman Agan made a motion that we appoint Mr. Thomas to the GLEAMNS Human Resource Commission and also be liaison to GLEAMNS and that we change Mr. Calhoun back as hospital liaison. Councilman Forrester seconded this motion that was passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Approval of bills for payment. Councilman Agan made a motion to approve bills that was seconded by Councilman Forrester and passed unanimously.
- b. Richard W. Crowe, Greenwood County Councilman to address council regarding a letter of support for a grant for Young Park which is in Greenwood County (Ware Shoals) and is used by citizens of both Abbeville and Laurens Counties. He addressed council by saying that he is requesting council's endorsement of a resolution to help Greenwood to apply for a LWCF Grant in the amount of \$250,000 to help fund the development of Young Park which will also be used by citizens of both Abbeville and Laurens Counties. He requested that we draft a resolution from Abbeville County that would be included with their grant application in hopes of getting the park completed. After further discussion, Councilman Agan made a motion that we adopt this resolution in support of Greenwood County in seeking a grant for Young Park. Motion was seconded by Councilman Gunnells and passed unanimously.
- c. Ronnie Ashley, Coroner to request emergency funding. Mr. Ashley addressed council by saying that when he took office back in January, the office was almost broke and from January through December of 2000, there were 110 deaths in Abbeville County and from January 1 to the present, there were sixteen deaths and eight autopsies were done. At the present, there are two outstanding autopsies to pay for plus additional lab work and autopsies at a cost of \$3,727. When this is paid he will be about \$2,000 in the red. After a brief discussion, V. C. Claude Thomas made a motion to grant this emergency request in the amount of \$7,000 for the Coroner to come out of department #503, non-departmental, line item 89900 lump sum appropriations. Councilman Calhoun seconded this motion that was passed unanimously.
- d. Consideration of request from Mr. Keith Aiken for "Keiths Lane" to be accepted into the County Road System for maintenance. He addressed council by saying that he had a water problem with gravel being washed off the road.

Mr. Gates said this was a private road and not a county road at the present time and that Carver Street Extension is a State Road. He felt that Mr. Aiken misunderstood when they were talking about the requirements of the ordinance and he will have to submit a petition signed by everyone of the property owners as well as every homeowner to agree to give the required right-of-way which would be the first step in order to be looked at to see if it could be accepted into the county road system. After further discussion, Public Works Director, Phil Gates recommended that this be tabled until they could get all the requirements worked out. V. C. Claude Thomas made a motion to table this request that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

- e. Request from Treasurer, Judy Scott for authorization to transfer \$344,623.34 from the LOST monies to the General Fund Account. Councilman Agan made a motion to authorize the transfer of ~~\$344,623.34~~ from the LOST monies to the General Fund Account. Motion was seconded by V. C. Thomas and passed unanimously. \$240,000.00  
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Chairman, Larry Walker stated that late this afternoon about 5PM, he received a call from Councilman Charles Burdette as well as a faxed letter saying that with deep regret, he announced his resignation as County Councilman representing District 5. This was due to his personal employment being changed and he was unable to devote the necessary time he felt the position deserved. He went on by thanking the voters of district 5 and all elected and appointed officials and employees as well. Chairman Walker stated that from what he understood this would require a special election in order to replace Councilman Burdette. Councilman Agan made a motion that we accept Councilman Burdette's resignation that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

Councilman Forrester made a motion to go into executive session for the following items:

- a. Contractual matter concerning the Department of Public Works
- b. Discuss a contractual matter. Motion was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

Chairman Walker stated that we needed to instruct the Public Works Director to negotiate for the purchase of a piece of property in the general vicinity of Calhoun Falls not to exceed \$10,000 for a Convenience Center. V. C. Thomas made a motion to approve this that was seconded by Councilman Agan and passed unanimously.

Chairman Walker asked that the discussion of a county council workshop to be held at some date in the future be added to the agenda. Councilman Agan made a motion to this effect that was seconded by V. C. Thomas and passed unanimously. Chairman Walker stated that there were a number of things that we needed to be educated on and become a little more aware of as a council, such as creative finance needs in light of what we are hearing from the state and some of the things they have done. The session would allow

us to discuss some of these items and on some high priority items and to bring some experts in as well. Council directed Mr. Allen to look into this matter and what the cost would be to pursue a workshop session for the council and to include any appropriate county employees either elected or otherwise that could contribute to this meeting.

Councilman Agan made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Councilman Forrester and passed unanimously.

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 26, 2001

PRESENT: Chairman Walker, Councilmen Agan, Forrester, Gunnells, Calhoun,  
Attorney Pruitt, and Director Allen

ABSENT: V.C. Thomas

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:30 pm. First item on the agenda was:

- a. Amend Ordinance 13-00 to include the Abbeville County Department of Public Works and allow the County Director to approve and sign invoices to allow payment.
- b. Amend Ordinance No. 6.004 Section IV defining the standing committees of Abbeville County to include the committee on Public Safety and redefine the matters of which they have jurisdiction. Public Hearing was adjourned.

Chairman Walker called the regular meeting to order with prayer. First item on the agenda was approval of minutes of March 12<sup>th</sup> county council meeting. Councilman Agan made a motion to approve minutes that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- a. Consideration of 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading to amend Ordinance No. 13-00 to include the Abbeville County Department of Public Works and allow the County Director to approve and sign invoices to allow for payment. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.
- b. Consideration of 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading to amend Ordinance No. 6.004, Section IV defining the standing committees of Abbeville County to include the committee on Public Safety and redefine the matters of which they have jurisdiction. Councilman Agan made a motion to approve 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading that was seconded by Councilman Gunnells and passed unanimously.

New Business:

- a. Consideration of agreement between the City of Abbeville and the County of Abbeville that the County of Abbeville transfers ownership of the Hwy. 72 Business Park Water Tank to the City of Abbeville, together with all piping and other equipment incidental to its use and operation. The tank was financed through grant money and the City is planning to sell water to Donalds-Due West Water Authority. Upon Councilman Agan's suggestion, Council agreed to certain

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minor amendments to clarify the agreement Councilman Agan made a motion to approve this agreement that was seconded by Councilman Gunnells and passed unanimously.

- b. Consideration of a Resolution addressing how matters are brought before Council such as how matters are referred to Council Committees for study before they are brought up to the full Council. After a brief discussion, Councilman Agan made a motion to approve the resolution that was seconded by Councilman Gunnells and passed unanimously.
- c. Request authorization to enter into an agreement with Wurster Engineering & Construction to place four Micro-piles and Helical Foundation Anchors at an estimated cost of \$4,500, the money to come from the Building and Grounds budget. After a brief discussion, Councilman Agan made a motion to approve this request that was seconded by Councilman Forrester and passed unanimously.
- d. John Leroy to discuss Soil and Water Conservation work which council received as information.
- e. Consideration of 1<sup>st</sup> Reading on a request from Reagan E. Fair to rezone approximately 2 acres located at 15 Carver Street Ext., Due West, from Forest Agriculture to General Residential to allow a home to be placed on less than the two acre minimum lot size. Councilman Agan made a motion to have 1<sup>st</sup> Reading that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.
- f. Consideration of 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of and ordinance granting the Donalds Due West Water authority a new County service area. Councilman Gunnells made motion to have 1<sup>st</sup> Reading that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- a. County Director to discuss a personnel matter. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to go into executive session that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously. Chairman Walker read a letter of resignation from Phil Gates effective April 9<sup>th</sup> who accepted a job with Savannah Lakes Village in McCormick County. Director Allen confirmed that Mr. Gates left for a higher paying job but declined to say how much more it would pay. Council accepted Mr. Gates letter of resignation. Meeting adjourned.

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 9, 2001

PRESENT: Chairman Walker, V. C. Thomas, Councilmen Calhoun, Forrester, Agan,  
Director Allen, and Attorney Pruitt

Absent: Councilman Gunnells

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm with prayer given by Vice Chairman Thomas.

First item on the agenda was approval of minutes of March 26<sup>th</sup> County Council Meeting. Councilman Agan made a motion to approve minutes that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

Committee Report: Public Works Committee to request 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of an ordinance granting Donalds-Due West Water Authority \$500,000 for Section 2 of the second phase of County-Wide Water. Councilman Agan made a motion to have 1<sup>st</sup> Reading that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- a. Consideration of 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading on a request from Reagan E. Fair to rezone approximately 2 acres located at 15 Carver St. Ext., Due West from Forest Agriculture to General Residential to allow a home to be placed on less than the two acre minimum lot size. Director Allen explained that a portion of the land was in the town limits of the Town of Due West and a portion is outside the limits. Councilman Agan made a motion to have 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading that was seconded by V. C. Thomas and passed unanimously.
- b. Consideration of 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of an ordinance granting Donalds-Due West Water Authority a new County service area. V. C. Thomas made a motion to have 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading that was seconded by Councilman Agan and passed unanimously.

New Business:

- a. Approval of a Resolution to protect local citizens and taxpayers from further losses in state shared revenues. Councilman Calhoun made a motion to approve the resolution that was seconded by Vice Chairman Thomas and passed unanimously.
- b. Approval of Accommodations Tax recommendations. Director Allen stated that the committee received \$98,000 in requests for the \$41,286 that was available for allocations which are as follows: Abbeville Spring Festival, \$3000; Burt-Stark Mansion, \$4,000; Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce, \$9,000; Abbeville County Museum, \$3,000; Town of Due West, \$1,000; Calhoun Falls

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Chamber, \$4,000; Abbeville County Historical Society, \$3,000; Abbeville Opera House, \$6,000; Catfish Festival, \$500; and Abbeville County Visitors Council, \$7,786. Councilman Agan stated that these monies are allocated through a state tax on accommodations and they must be used to promote tourism. He, also, noted that the Lake Secession and Rocky River Property Owners had made a request for this money. Director Allen said that the Association did not meet the guidelines. A similar request from the Honea Path area for funding to help present a Halloween festival was turned down because the committee believed it would be for local appeal instead of drawing tourists. After further discussion, Councilman Agan made a motion to approve the requests that was seconded by V. C. Thomas and passed unanimously.

- c. Approval of a Proclamation to declare the week of April 8 through 14, 01 as National Telecommunications Week in Abbeville County, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our county and citizens safe. Councilman Agan made a motion to approve the Proclamation that was seconded by V. C. Thomas and passed unanimously.
- d. Consideration of agreement from Smith Data to install two existing workstations and the Public Access Module for the Tax Assessor's Office. Councilman Agan made a motion to approve this request that was seconded by V. C. Thomas and passed unanimously.
- e. Consideration to approve nominees to the Abbeville County Development Board of Directors for the 2002 membership year. Councilman Agan made a motion to approve Don Campbell, Steve Pettigrew, and Dr. James Gettys as Directors for the 2002 membership year. Motion was seconded by Councilman Forrester and passed unanimously.
- f. Mr. Claude Killingsworth, Manager of Hickory Heights Apartments to request a letter of support from Council for a drug prevention program called "A New Approach Drug Program". V. C. Thomas stated that Mr. Killingsworth has done much to improve Hickory Heights in terms of safety and crime prevention. He, therefore, made a motion that council write a letter of support that was seconded by Councilman Agan and passed unanimously.
- g. Paul Allen to request \$2,000 from Dept. 503 Non-Departmental, line item 89900 Lump Sum Appropriations to purchase a computer for the Director's Office the computer currently being used is on its last MB. Councilman Agan made a motion to approve the request that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

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a. Contractual matter concerning the Public Works Department. V. C. Thomas made a motion to go into executive session that was seconded by Councilman Forrester and passed unanimously. Chairman Walker stated that it was agreed upon by council to purchase two acres on the George Alewine Road in the Level Land Community in order to establish a convenience center, not to exceed \$10,000. Meeting adjourned.



ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 23, 2001

PRESENT: Chairman Walker, V. C. Thomas, Councilmen Agan, Forrester, Calhoun, Gunnells, Director Allen, and Attorney Pruitt

Chairman Walker called the public hearing to order as follows:

- a. Request from Reagan E. Fair to rezone approximately 2 acres located at 15 Carver St Ext. Due West from Forest Agriculture to General Residential to allow a home to be placed on less than the two acre minimum lot size.
  - b. Adopt an ordinance granting Donalds-Due West Water Authority a new County Service Area. Public hearings adjourned.
1. Call to order.
  2. Pledge of Allegiance
  3. Prayer
  4. Approval of April 9<sup>th</sup> County Council Meeting Minutes. Councilman Agan made a motion to approve minutes that was seconded by Councilman Forrester and passed unanimously.
  5. Committee Report:
    - a. Public Safety Committee: Councilman Agan, consideration to transfer \$12,000 to EMS for Paramedic Training. Councilman Agan made a motion to approve the transfer of \$12,000 that was seconded by V. C. Thomas and passed unanimously.
    - b. Finance Committee: Chairman Walker, Consideration of 1<sup>st</sup> Reading on FY01-02 Budget for Abbeville County. Chairman Walker made a motion to have 1<sup>st</sup> Reading that was seconded by Councilman Agan and passed unanimously.
  6. Old Business:
    - a. Consideration of 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of request from Reagan E. Fair to rezone approximately 2 acres located at 15 Carver St. Ext. from Forest Agriculture to General Residential to allow a home to be placed on less than the two acre minimum lot size. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to have 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.
    - b. Consideration of 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of an ordinance granting Donalds-Due West Water Authority a new County service area. Councilman Agan made a motion to have 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading that was seconded by V.C. Thomas and passed unanimously.

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- c. Consideration of 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of an ordinance granting Donalds-Due West Water Authority \$500,000 for Section 2 of the second phase of County-wide Water. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to have 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading that was seconded by Councilman Agan and passed unanimously.
- d. Keith Aiken to request that Keith's Lane be taken into the County maintained road system. V. C. Thomas made a motion to have 1<sup>st</sup> Reading that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

New Business:

- a. Consideration of 1<sup>st</sup> Reading on a request from Nicholas J. and Allyson B. Huskey to rezone 5 acres located near Due West at 74 Double H Farm Road from Forest Agriculture to General Residential to allow for development on less than 2 acre tracts. Since the neighborhood is a mixture of single family residences including mobile homes and agricultural properties as well as some tracts in the area that do not meet the 2 acre minimum lot size, Council decided to send it back to the Planning Commission because there was no quorum of the Commission when it was first brought to their attention.
- b. Director Paul Allen to request \$3,000 from Dept. 503 Non-Departmental line item 89900 Lump Sum Appropriations to Dept. 530 Voter Registration & Elections, line item 7000 Capital Projects to cover the cost of the Primary and Runoff for the Special Election. Councilman Agan made a motion to approve this request that was seconded by Councilman Forrester and passed unanimously.
- c. V. C. Claude Thomas to discuss concerns of county services in the Promise Land Area of Abbeville. He said that he had been present at a community meeting in the Promised Land area and learned that many residents of the community felt isolated from the remainder of Abbeville County since it is separated from much of the rest of the county by the Sumter National Forest. Council agreed to form a committee including County Department Heads and try to meet with residents to hear their concerns, which includes about 200 residents.

Executive Session:

- a. County Director to discuss personnel matter. County Council Chairman Walker formed an ad hoc committee consisting of himself, Buddy Agan and Claude Thomas to look into the possibility of expanding the Abbeville County Sheriff's realm of responsibilities with regard to the County Prison Farm. Meeting adjourned.

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 14, 2001

PRESENT: Chairman Walker, V. C. Thomas, Councilman Agan, Forrester, Calhoun, Gunnells, Director Allen, and Attorney Pruitt.

Chairman Walker called the Public Hearing to order as follows:

- a. Adopt an ordinance granting Donalds-Due West Water Authority \$500,000 for Section 2 of the second phase of County-Wide Water. Since there were no comments, the public hearing was adjourned.
1. Call to order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Prayer.
4. Approval of April 23, 2001 County Council Meeting Minutes. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve minutes that was seconded by Councilman Agan and passed unanimously.
5. Committee Report:
  - a. ADHOC Committee Report on Law Enforcement Center Personnel. The ADHOC Committee consisting of Chairman Walker, Vice Chairman Thomas and Councilman Agan met and agreed that the operation of the Prison Farm will be under the Sheriff as of July 1. It was also recommended that the Sheriff receive an additional \$7,000 for the increased responsibility beginning July 1 and that the Jail Administrator be increased \$4,000 and will assume all responsibility of the county prison that is currently being handled by the Chief Guard. Council also agreed to a reduction in the Public Works Salary, which will result in a \$4,000 savings to the County.
  - b. Consideration of Change Order pertaining to the Jail. The Change Order was for approximately \$13,000 and was for the construction of sewer line facilities. The Public Works Committee recommended that the cost be paid not by the county but shared by the engineer and/or architect. Chairman Walker stated that it was not the County's responsibility. Attorney Pruitt indicated that it was not the contractor's fault either. After further discussion, Chairman Walker stated that the County would pay the contractor and then seeks reimbursement from the architect and/or engineer since the problem originated with them to which Council agreed.

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6. Old Business:

- a. Consideration of 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of an ordinance granting Donalds-Due West Water Authority \$500,000 for Section 2 of the second phase of County-Wide Water. Councilman Agan made a motion to have 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading that was seconded by V. C. Thomas and passed unanimously.
- b. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of request from Keith Aiken to request that Keith's Lane be taken into the County maintained road system. Councilman Agan made a motion to have 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

7. New Business:

- a. Request from Treasurer Judy Scott to transfer \$90,000 from the LOST Account to the General Fund. V. C. Thomas made a motion to approve this request that was seconded by Councilman Agan and passed unanimously.
- b. Clerk of Court Request for \$12,243.75 for Data File Conversion. After a brief discussion concerning this request, Council tabled the matter for further study.

8. Executive Session:

- a. Personnel Matter concerning County Director's Office. Councilman Calhoun made a motion to go into executive session that was seconded by Councilman Agan and passed unanimously. No action was taken. Meeting adjourned.

Meeting scheduled for May 28<sup>th</sup> was cancelled due to Memorial Day Holiday.

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 11, 2001

PRESENT: Chairman Walker, Councilmen Agan, Calhoun, Gunnells, Forrester, Director Allen, and Attorney Pruitt.

ABSENT: Vice Chairman Thomas

Chairman Walker called the Public Hearing to order as follows:

- a. Adopt request from Keith Aiken that Keith's Lane be taken into the County maintained road system. No comments.
- b. Discussion of Fiscal Year 2001-2002 Budget for Abbeville County. Chairman Walker commented by saying that the County Finance Committee, consisting of three members met a number of times in addition to workshops to go over the current budget. Requests were taken from all department heads and all agencies that are county supported. When the numbers were looked at, the first thing the Finance Committee did after a couple of meetings were to reduce requests by nearly 3/4 million dollars. The single largest item, which was the new LEC, is going to take some \$325,000 more annually to operate than the current detention center and County Farm. The County had planned to open the Law Enforcement Center in August but no money was generated to allow it to be opened in August unless we borrow money. The existing county detention center that is the county jail must be shut down but the county must keep open the county farm. It is recommended that they defer the opening of the LEC until January which will avoid four months of cost and will give us a little more time to collect property taxes during December, January, February without borrowing money. There will have to be a Tax Anticipation Note to get the county through the current year. There will also be a cost of living increase for employees that will be deferred until January. The loss of state revenue in the form of aid to subdivisions has also contributed to the deficit. Council heard from Rock Reinhart who wanted to know if the county had explored alternative financing to generate revenue Council also heard comments from Robert Cann of Calhoun Falls who complained about rising taxes and profiled concerns of industry. Since there were no other comments, public hearing was adjourned.

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Prayer
4. Approval of June 11, 2001 County Council Meeting Minutes.  
Councilman Agan made a motion to approve the minutes with minor changes. Motion was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

5. Committee Report:

- a. Finance Committee to have 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading on fiscal year 2001-02 Budget for Abbeville County. Director Allen summarized the recommendations of the Finance Committee as follows: General Fund - \$5,746,099, Fire Commission - \$328,989, Road Maintenance - \$829,858, Solid Waste - \$499,462, Landfill - \$971,036, Economic Dev. Board - \$188,504. Since there was no discussion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading on the budget was unanimous.
  - b. Public Safety Committee to recommend that \$6,000 be transferred from Dept. 503, line 89900 Lump Sum Appropriations to EMS Dept. 534, line 57010 to enable 3 more volunteers to pursue EMT training. Councilman Agan stated that several weeks ago they came before council to make a recommendation to approve 6 people for paramedic training at a cost of \$2,000 each to start in May because the law is changing and the cost will go up to \$4,000. Since that time, we have added additional people who wanted to take the course. He said that when the committee met, they recommended the approval of the \$6,000, which will give us three more paramedics in the system. The funding will come from the contingent fund. Funding was approved unanimously.
  - c. Public Safety Committee to recommend that \$5,000 be transferred from Dept. 503, line 89900 Lump Sum Appropriations to the EMS Dept. 534, line 70000 Capital Projects to purchase laptop computers. Councilman Agan felt that this would be a pretty low cost for the information we will get back and that the committee felt like the \$5000 could put them in operation within the next 30 days and that we take the funds from this year's contingency fund so as to get it implemented by July. Funding was approved unanimously.
6. Old Business:
- a. 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading to adopt request from Keith Aiken that Keith's Lane be taken into the County maintained road system. Councilman Agan made a motion to have 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading contingent upon complying with the ordinance we have in place along with the signatures to have the right-of-way. Motion was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.
  - b. Follow-up on Clerk of Court Request for \$13,848.75 for Data File Conversion. Director Allen stated that he contacted ISD to get copies of all the invoices and also a breakdown was provided consisting of memos, invoices, contract, etc. Out of the \$13,848.75, there was \$8,955.00 in technical support that we were billed for \$75 per hour. Since it was already provided, Director Allen recommended that we go on and pay it. There have been a few stipulations made to ISD that there will not be

any more technical support provided without the proper authorization. He also suggested that from here on out, that any contract the county enters into concerning computers address the issue of technical support since it was not addressed in the original contract nor was it addressed by ISD and the Clerk of Court's Office has continually called for the support until it cost \$8,955. He also recommended that the \$8,955 for technical support be collected and be paid back to the general fund out of the Clerk of Court's 3% money that she gets on Family Court receipts to offset our cost. The original \$4,300 and the additional training was somewhat addressed in the contract. The estimations were somewhat low which is where the additional cost came from. He recommended that the \$13,848.75 be paid out of the contingency fund that would leave us with one month to go a balance of \$12,185.91. After additional discussion, Chairman Walker stated that it sounds as if a county employee did obligate us for these services and he felt that we needed to pay this as well as being reimbursed out of the proper funds from the Clerk of Court. Councilman Agan made a motion that we make the payment and look for the reimbursement from the 3% monies in the amount of \$8,955 to be paid back to the general fund. Councilman Gunnells seconded this motion that was passed unanimously.

#### New Business:

- a. Consideration of 1<sup>st</sup> Reading on a request from Arnold J. and Irene M. Willey to rezone approximately 1 acre located on the northside of Hwy. 201, approximately 300 feet northeast of the intersection of Hwy. 201 and Shrine Club Road from Forest Agriculture to General Commercial to allow for a business. After a brief discussion, Councilman Gunnells made a motion to have 1<sup>st</sup> Reading that was seconded by Councilman Agan and passed unanimously.
- b. Approval of Resolution authorizing the Chairman of Council to sign the Right-of-Way Agreement for SC Route 72, File 1.527, Item 300463, Project BNH-USCHB (005), and PIN 21686. Councilman Agan made a motion to approve the Resolution that was seconded by Councilman Forrester and passed unanimously.
- c. Mike Davis and John Tonges of Baker Roofing to discuss the Courthouse Roof. He addressed Council by saying that the roof is not repairable and the problem goes a lot deeper than patching. Director Allen noted that heavy rains last year damaged some courthouse records. Council members agreed to have Mr. Allen send out a request for proposals for re-roofing the Courthouse.
- d. Discuss funding for the Change Order of the Waterline coming out of Calhoun Falls that would be the beginning of the 3<sup>rd</sup> leg of the County-wide Water System. Councilman Agan stated that the water line would start where the



City of Abbeville's 16 inch stops. It will tie on to the 16-inch line, and go up Hwy. 81 to the upper limits of the Calhoun Falls town limits. He continued by saying that a waterline from Calhoun Falls north to the Diamond Hill/Lake Secession area was being planned as another phase of what is now called the county wide water system and noted that the Town of Calhoun Falls was upgrading the water line system within the Town limits. Councilman Gunnells felt that we should pursue the 16" line and made a motion that we fund the Change Order using the existing Economic Development Fund in the amount of \$85,000. Motion was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

Councilman Forrester made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Councilman Agan and passed unanimously.

